

## CHRISTIANITY OUR MAJOR EMPHASIS

### Secretary Says Come Week Is a Challenge To All

For some weeks you have been seeing this word "COME". It has two meanings. First, it is a word made up of the first letter of each word in the theme for our Religious Emphasis Week—"Christianity Our Major Emphasis." Second, it is an invitation for every student, faculty member and member of the staff and administration to participate in the very full program which you see outlined on this page.

We are most fortunate in being selected as one of the 25 campuses of the United States to be visited by a University Christian Mission. It is only possible at present to have one of these Missions once in a student generation. The department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches has invited the persons to whom you are introduced on this page to be our leaders during COME Week.

"Christianity Our Major Emphasis" does not mean that the emphasis is for this week alone, but embodies a challenge for all of us to make this an emphasis for life. You will have noticed that the theme is accompanied by a question directed at you, "What is your Major?" Is it biology, history, sociology, music—that is fine—for giving you certain satisfactions in life of a Minor nature. But what gives your life meaning and direction and purpose—what integrates it all? Do these majors in college help you when the dreams and preparations of a life-time crumble because of "man's inhumanity to man"—do they satisfy one who despairs or is disillusioned?

"Christianity Our Major Emphasis!" Never was such a major more relevant! This was the major emphasis of those who founded the way of life into which we have been born. Do you see any point in re-emphasizing this in our lives today? If you don't, I would like to give you a glimpse of the alternative presented to us by World Communism.

These are the words of a Christian philosopher and Lebanon delegate to the United Nations, Charles H. Malik: "Today . . . those who see only the political, social, economic and military threat of Communism miss its true challenge as pathetically as did their predecessors . . . Communism is predicated on the emphasis (note: see their emphasis) rejection of God . . . Communist man . . . is pathetically dehumanized . . . severed from his divine origin and divine destiny; denied the spiritual principle which gives his reason access to the truth, which endows his conscience and will with the craving for the good, which empowers his heart to love; imprisoned hopelessly in this world of strife and frustration, here to center all his hopes and here to erect his paradise . . . He is but a passing shadow of no duration, a fragment of no intrinsic or ultimate worth."

Nearly a hundred persons on this campus and in this community have been planning for nearly a year to make this time valuable as a decisive experience in your life. It is the earnest prayer of each that you will come to know Jesus Christ as your Master and Savior, and through Him to discover the Major Emphasis for your life.

Clyde Carter,  
Executive Secretary

### Highlights of the Leaders' Personal Lives

The following paragraphs are included to acquaint the readers with a few of the personal aspects of the speakers' lives.

#### Dr. Carl Wolf

Dr. Carl Umhau Wolf, who is professor of the Old Testament at Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, has experienced a varied and interesting life. His most recent opportunity was that of doing graduate study in the Fellow American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. He is a former chaplain, a recognized biblical scholar and one who dearly loves and understands young people. Dr. Wolf has published many articles in magazines and has written a book, *Freddie*, a story for pre-school children.



#### Town-Gown Meeting

Bringing Come Week into focus on campus and at the same time initiating something new into the Religious Emphasis Week at Mary Washington will be the opening service of the period. This initial program is scheduled for 7:30 in George Washington auditorium and should provide an inspirational send-off for the activities of the week.

Appropriately named Town-Gown Meeting, the service will bring together students, speakers, faculty, and local ministers and their congregations. This will be the first attempt of this type to unite the citizens of Fredericksburg with religious emphasis week activities on the hill.

With the local ministers giving of their time to attend, the local residents and faculty joining in, and every effort made to further "getting acquainted" with the speakers, the service should provide an evening of worth and worship for every MWC student.



Miss Helen Turnbull

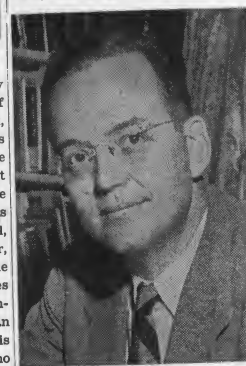
In a recent personal interview Miss Helen Turnbull, Director of Windham House in New York, asked if any of the other leaders for M.W.C.'s Come Week were to be women. When informed that she was the only woman on the team she smiled and said that was usually the case. Miss Turnbull, who has a warm, friendly manner, spends a good deal of her time visiting colleges and universities to speak to students about training for work in the Christian Church. The rest of her time is spent "mothering" the 20 girls who are living at Windham House. These girls are working to get their Masters Degrees in Christian Education from Columbia University.

#### Representative Brooks Hays

Representative Brooks Hays, a representative from the state of Arkansas, to the United States Congress, is a member of the member of the National Democratic Committee. He is very active in United Nations activities and has toured throughout the country a great deal speaking about the United Nations. Representative Hays is a man with up-to-date thoughts and ideas who will tell of the present world situation and of the students' place in the world. Since his work in Congress is quite heavy at the present time he must limit his time away from Washington and will be at M.W.C. only part of Come Week.

#### Rev. Robert W. Burns

Dr. Robert W. Burns, pastor of the Peachtree Christian Church in Atlanta, Georgia, is a person from whom every student could gain a great deal, especially in a personal conference. An important phase of his church work is two hours every day set aside for personal conferences with people from all sections of the Atlanta metropolitan area. Under the label of "The House of Help", this personality clinic has served hundreds of people. He understands people and is willing to help them solve their problems. He has answered many questions concerning courtship and marriage, in particular, and he will be ready and willing to help Mary Washington girls.



#### Book Display

Offering a supplement to Come Week speeches, round-tables, bull sessions, and seminars, the Book Display Committee of the week's Campus Committee will offer for sale February 19 through 22 various books, pamphlets, and manuals dealing with topics discussed throughout the period and prevalent to thoughts of the day.

Concerned with such timely topics as the racial problem, science versus religion, communism and christianity, and courtship and marriage, the books will be an asset to every student's mind and library.

Getting Ready to Fall in Love, Human Ventures in Sex, Love and Marriage, Scientist's Approach to Religion, Atoms, Bombs, and You, The Prophet: these are just a few of the more than fifty titles available to you. Look for the book sale every day outside the "C" Shoppe, in G.W. after assemblies, and in your own dorm.

### R. E. Week Plans Become Final

"Religious Emphasis Week or C. O. M. E. Week is hoped to be a beginning of a going on—a beginning of our faith, reawakening or commitment that will continue to grow in the following days and weeks," thus the Campus Committee stated the aim of Come Week during their recent retreat.

COME WEEK is a little different from previous Mary Washington Religious Emphasis weeks in that it starts on Sunday night, February 18th with a Town-Gown Worship Service in George Washington Auditorium and ends on Thursday night, February 22nd with an optional personal dedication service at which time everyone can evaluate the meaning of the week and dedicate himself to a better way of living.

To give inspiration and guidance during the week Miss Helen Turnbull from Windham House in New York, the Rev. Robert Burns of Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Carl Wolf from Maywood, Illinois and Representative Brooks Hays from the United States Congress in Washington, D. C., have been invited as guest speakers. These leaders will be in some of the classrooms, in assemblies, in seminars, in bull sessions, and available for personal conferences.

One of the most important opportunities of the week is the seminars which deal with specific issues. "This Thing Called Love," the courtship and marriage seminar, is presented after dinner so that more of the students will be able to attend. "Let's Look At You" and "Are You Color Blind" are both topics which the committee hopes will help and interest the entire student body. Those individuals who are a little doubtful about religious beliefs and similar problems will find many answers from the "Twenty Questions Hour."

The Bull Sessions held in the evenings will provide students an opportunity to sit around on the floor with a speaker and talk about anything that is of interest. Questions and problems that have arisen and been discussed and argued about in the dorm rooms and need an answer or a new thought, will be the topic of these bull sessions.

The Executive Committee feels that one of the best ways for the students to avail themselves of these leaders and most certainly the best way to know them personally is to have a personal conference. "Whether you want to know about job possibilities, whether you have a personal problem to be solved or whether you just want to talk to a well-known leader, you will find it very rewarding to have a personal conference," says Nancy Stacey, Vice-president of Y. Arrangements for a personal interview with any of the leaders should be made with Mary Ann Fox in 115 Virginia. These personal conferences will be held in the following places: Miss Turnbull in the guest room in Virginia Hall, Representative Hays in the Y Room in Custis basement, Rev. Burns in Madison Parlor, and Dr. Carl Wolf in Custis Parlor.

With Come Week only a few days away, the Y Cabinet members say to the student body, "Christianity Our Major Emphasis Week is a time for each of us to take stock of how we stack up, a time to look at ourselves and to decide What Is My Major?" and they ask "Have you decided on yours?"

#### WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
7	Campus Committee	Campus Committee	Campus Committee	Campus Committee
8:20	Radio Broadcast	Radio Broadcast	Radio Broadcast	Radio Broadcast
8:30-12:30	Classroom and Personal Discussions	Classroom and Personal Discussions	Classroom and Personal Discussions	Classroom and Personal Discussions
12:30	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
2-4	Classroom and Personal Discussions	Classroom and Personal Discussions	Classroom and Personal Discussions	Classroom and Personal Discussions
4	Seminar	Seminar	Seminar	Seminar
5	Skeptics Hour	Skeptics Hour	Seminar	
7	Convocation	Seminar	Seminar	
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8:30		Town Meeting of the Air		
9	Bull Sessions		Bull Sessions	Bull Sessions
10:30	Vespers	Vespers	Vespers	Vespers

Sunday: 3—Retreat; 7:30—Town Gown; 8:30—Faculty Reception

